



North West Water

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28th January, 1980

To: Members of the Regional Fisheries
Advisory Committee:
(Mr. T. A. F. Barnes (Chairman);
Mrs. W. Lomas; Messrs A. G. R. Brown;
T. M. Farrer; J. H. Fell; J. Johnson;
Wm. McKenna; R. A. Parkin; L. B. Williams;
G. Wilson and Major J. G. W. Skipwith:
Ex officio Members:-
The Chairman of the Authority (Mr. G. Mann);
Vice-Chairman of the Authority (Mr. A. Richardson)
and the Chairmen of the Local Advisory Committees:-
Messrs J. S. Bailey; J. M. Croft; E. P. Ecroyd;
W. F. Hobson and R. D. Houghton).

Dear Member,

A meeting of the REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE will be held at 2.15 P.M. on MONDAY, 4TH FEBRUARY, 1980, in the BOARD ROOM, DAWSON HOUSE, GREAT SANKEY, for consideration of the following business.

Yours faithfully,

G. W. SHAW,

Director of Administration.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated).
3. Proceedings of Local Fisheries Advisory Committees:-
 - A. Derwent and West Cumbria - 7th January, 1980
[Recommendations in the following Minutes:-
 17. EEC Directive on the quality of freshwaters.
(To be considered under Item No. 6 of the Agenda)
 18. Water resource development for West Cumbria].
 - B. North Cumbria - 8th January, 1980
[Recommendation in Minute No. 17.
Survey of goosanders and mergansers].

C. South Lancashire - 9th January, 1980
[Recommendations in the following Minutes:-

- 16. Net and fixed engine licence duties.
(To be considered under Item No. 5 of the Agenda).
- 17. EEC Directive on the quality of freshwaters.
(To be considered under Item No. 6 of the Agenda).
- 18. Market survey at Worthington lakes].

D. Lune, Wyre and Furness - 10th January, 1980.
[Recommendations in the following Minutes:-

- 21. Survey of goosanders and mergansers.
- 27. Netting practice on the River Lune estuary.
- 29. Stocking - River Crake].

E. Mersey and Weaver - 16th January, 1980.
[Recommendations in the following Minutes:-

- 14. Bailiffing Staff - Mersey and Weaver Area.
- 17. EEC Directive on the quality of freshwaters.
(To be considered under Item No. 6 of the Agenda)].

- 4. Appointment to the Committee.
- 5. Net and Fixed Engine Licence Duties.
- 6. EEC Directive on the Quality of Freshwaters.
- 7. Net Limitation Order - Rivers Lune and Wyre, Fishery Byelaws - River Lune.
- 8. Any Other Business.

NOTE: Lunch will be served in the Members' Dining Room at approximately 1 p.m. The Menu for the day is enclosed and Members attending for lunch are asked to indicate their choice of main course to the assistant on duty near the Members' Retiring Room.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
DERWENT AND WEST CUMBRIA
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Item No. 3A

7TH JANUARY, 1980

Present: W.F. Hobson, Esq. (Chairman)
F. Bunting, Esq. G. Richardson, Esq.
A. Gleaden, Esq. R.J.W. Slack, Esq.
J.M. Mawson, Esq. G.N.F. Wingate, Esq.
S.G. Payne, Esq. E. Young, Esq.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.T.A.F. Barnes, Mr.G.Mann, Mr.A.Richardson and Mr.G.B.Sedgwick.

13. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO MEMBER

The Chairman introduced Mr.G.Richardson and welcomed him to his first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

14. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 8th October, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15. NET AND FIXED ENGINE LICENCE DUTIES

On 12th November, 1979, (Minute No.22) the Regional Committee resolved that the existing net and fixed engine licence duties within the Authority area be reviewed and a report be submitted to their next meeting in February of this year; the report to include appropriate comparisons with duties for similar instruments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Regional Fisheries Officer reported on the results of his continuing enquiries concerning comparable duties throughout the British Isles following which the Committee gave consideration to the existing scale of duties.

RESOLVED:

That the Officers make recommendations to the Regional Committee concerning the review of licence duties applicable to nets and fixed engines in the light of their knowledge of all the circumstances prevailing.

16. POLLUTION INCIDENTS

Detailed reports were received on two pollution incidents which occurred during July, 1979 as a result of cleansing operations at Authority owned installations and on the procedures consequently adopted by the Authority in an endeavour to prevent a repetition of incidents of this nature.

RESOLVED:

That the report be approved.

17. EEC DIRECTIVE ON THE QUALITY OF FRESHWATERS
NEEDING PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO
SUPPORT FISH LIFE.

The EEC had adopted several Directives setting water quality objectives for a variety of purposes in the marine and freshwater environment. The aim of this Directive was to protect or improve the quality of those running or standing fresh waters which supported or which, if pollution were reduced or eliminated, would become capable of supporting freshwater fish. In this connection parameters to be applied to fresh waters were specified, and imperative (mandatory) and guideline values were given.

In accordance with the requirements of the Directive the Authority had drawn up an initial list of designated waters classified as salmonid or cyprinid and incorporated the list in a Consultation Paper which had been circulated widely among local authorities and interested organisations in the region. The list would be finalised and forwarded to DoE in May for submission to EEC by July, 1980.

The Committee noted that DoE had advised that the implementation of the Directive should not unduly affect the Authority's capital expenditure programme and consequently at this stage the designated waters comprised those which currently met the desired standards.

The Committee was informed that further investigations had enabled the officers to add the following salmonid waters to the list:

Dash Beck, Gatesgarthdale Beck, Sail Beck, Mosedale Beck,
Whit Beck (Cocker), Bloomer/Burthwaite Beck, Whillan Beck.

RECOMMENDED:

That the River Keekle be added to the list of designated freshwaters and the possibility of including Lostrigg Beck in the list be investigated.

18. WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT FOR WEST CUMBRIA -
BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS LTD. -
ABSTRACTION FROM WASTWATER

The Committee noted that on 3rd December, 1979, the Policy and Resources Committee had concluded that there was a need for some delegation on issues which might arise in connection with the forthcoming Public Inquiry into proposals for water supply in West Cumbria. The Policy and Resources Committee had therefore appointed a special Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority and the Chairman of the Water Management Committee with power to make any decisions on behalf of the Authority on issues arising in connection with the Inquiry.

The Committee considered that it would be of benefit to the members of the Special Sub-Committee to have detailed knowledge of fisheries in West Cumbria available to them in their deliberations.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Special Sub-Committee co-opt the Chairman of the Derwent and West Cumbria Fisheries Advisory Committee there to.

19. TERMINATED ANGLING LEASES - CATEGORY 3 SITES -
REPORT ON PROGRESS.

The Committee was informed that following consultations with Copeland District Council and representatives of the Ennerdale Lake Fishery, and subject to any comments of the Committee the Recreation Sub-Committee was to be recommended to re classify Ennerdale Lake as Category 1 and to re-let the angling rights to the Ennerdale Lake Fishery, the present lessees, for a period of 7 years.

Any new lease was to include (inter alia) provision for an annual report by the lessees on management policies and public usage of the lake, prohibition of angling within 400 metres of the intake, and a restriction on the maximum number of persons fishing at any one time.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals be approved.

20. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee.

Discussion ensued on the various topics incorporated in the report including river conditions and fishing, migratory fish movement, hatchery work and poaching activity.

It was noted that court cases were pending in respect of alleged poaching offences.

Members expressed appreciation of the work being undertaken and the co-operation extended by Dr. Harpley and his staff, particular reference being made to the effectiveness of the boatwork and the risks faced by the bailiffs in the course of their duties.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

21. POLLUTION OF DUB WATH AND TOM RUDD BECKS

The Regional Fisheries Officer informed the Committee about the problems being encountered in attempting to find a satisfactory solution to the question of compensation payments in respect of the sulphide contamination of these two becks during periods of appreciable run-off, and he undertook to write again to the Department of Transport conveying the concern of the Committee at the unacceptable delay being experienced in finalising this matter.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
NORTH CUMBRIA
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

8TH JANUARY, 1980

Present:

E.P. Ecroyd Esq. (Chairman)
A.E.I. Bell, Esq. B. Irving, Esq.
E. Cave, Esq. J.S. Marshall, Esq.
T. Cousins. Esq. Wm. McKenna, Esq.
A.C. Findlay, Esq. R.K. Nicholson, Esq.
 J. Thompson, Esq.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.T.A.F. Barnes, Mr. G. Mann and Mr. A. Richardson.

12. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO MEMBER

The Chairman introduced Mr. J. Thompson and welcomed him to his first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 16th October, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. NET AND FIXED ENGINE LICENCE DUTIES

On 12th November, 1979, (Minute No.22) the Regional Committee resolved that the existing net and fixed engine licence duties within the Authority area be reviewed and a report be submitted to their next meeting in February of this year; the report to include appropriate comparisons with duties for similar instruments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Regional Fisheries Officer reported the results of his continuing enquiries concerning comparable duties throughout the British Isles following which, the Committee discussed various aspects of the review.

RESOLVED:

That Members consult their associations and clubs on the review of net and fixed engine licence duties and submit any observations to the next meeting of the Committee on 1st April, 1980.

15. EEC DIRECTIVE ON THE QUALITY OF FRESHWATERS
NEEDING PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT
IN ORDER TO SUPPORT FISH LIFE

The EEC had adopted several Directives setting water quality objectives for a variety of purposes in the marine and freshwater environment. The aim of this Directive was to protect or improve the quality of those running or standing fresh waters which supported

or which, if pollution were reduced or eliminated, would become capable of supporting freshwater fish. In this connection parameters to be applied to fresh waters were specified, imperative (mandatory) and guideline values were given.

In accordance with the requirements of the Directive the Authority had now drawn up an initial list of designated waters classified as salmonid or cyprinid and incorporated the list in a Consultation Paper which had been circulated widely among local authorities and interested organisations in the region. The list would be finalised and forwarded to DoE in May of this year for submission to the EEC by July, 1980.

DoE had advised that the implementation of the Directive should not unduly affect the Authority's capital expenditure programme and consequently at this stage the designated waters comprised those which currently met the desired standards.

The Committee was informed that further investigations had enabled the officers to add the following Salmonid waters to the list:-

Argill (tributary of the R.Bela), Marton Beck and Swindale Beck (tributaries of Trout Beck), Ramsgill, Bannerdale Beck and Boredale Beck (tributaries of Ramsgill), and Hazelrigg Beck (tributary of Glassonby Beck).

In receiving the report the Committee requested that officers investigate the practicality of including the Boundary, Cargo and Rockcliffe Becks in the initial list of designated waters.

16. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON
FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee and referred in particular to river conditions and fishing; management of and work carried out at the hatchery; fish mortalities and the collection of brood fish.

The Committee noted that the occurrence of salmon which had survived to spawn a second time probably provided the most encouraging evidence of the declining virulence of UDN; in addition to which very few fish had been seen displaying any of the symptoms associated with the disease.

The effects on the fish population of removing coarse fish from the rivers were discussed in some detail.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

17. SURVEY OF GOOSANDERS AND MERGANSERS

The Committee gave consideration to a report on a draft Project Plan prepared by Dr. Peter Maitland of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology outlining alternative costings for a three year project to establish the populations of goosanders and mergansers throughout the region and their impact on juvenile salmonids.

The costings varied from a minimum of £37,500 to a maximum of £66,000.

RECOMMENDED:

That Dr. Maitland be formally thanked for his assistance, but that no action be taken at the present time to implement the project.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
SOUTH LANCASHIRE
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

9TH JANUARY, 1980

Present: R.D. Houghton, Esq. (Chairman)
Dr.R.B.Broughton, G. Jones, Esq.
A.G.R. Brown, Esq. Professor W.E.Kershaw
J. Johnson, Esq. J.P. Lord, Esq.
R.H. Wiseman, Esq.

In attendance: Mr.David Tonks, Marketing Department,
University of Lancaster.

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.T.A.F. Barnes, Mr.G.Mann and Mr.A.Richardson.

14. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO MEMBER

The Chairman introduced Mr.G.Jones and welcomed him to his first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

15. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 13th December, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. NET AND FIXED ENGINE LICENCE DUTIES

On 12th November, 1979, (Minute No.22) the Regional Committee resolved that the existing net and fixed engine licence duties within the Authority area be reviewed and a report be submitted to their next meeting in February of this year; the report to include appropriate comparisons with duties for similar instruments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Regional Fisheries Officer reported on the results of his continuing enquiries concerning comparable duties throughout the British Isles following which, the Committee gave consideration to the existing scale of duties and concluded that in relation to the existing rod and line licence duties and the rate of inflation experienced since 1st January, 1978, the present licence duties for nets and fixed engines were far too low.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Officers make recommendations to the Regional Committee concerning the review of licence duties applicable to nets and fixed engines in the light of their knowledge of all the circumstances prevailing.

17. EEC DIRECTIVE ON THE QUALITY OF FRESH WATERS
NEEDING PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO
SUPPORT FISH LIFE

The EEC had adopted several Directives setting water quality objectives for a variety of purposes in the marine and freshwater environment. The aim of this Directive was to protect or improve the quality of those running or standing fresh waters which supported or which, if pollution were reduced or eliminated, would become capable of supporting freshwater fish. In this connection parameters to be applied to fresh water were specified, and imperative (mandatory) and guideline values were given.

In accordance with the requirements of the Directive the Authority had now drawn up an initial list of designated waters classified as salmonid or cyprinid and incorporated the list in a Consultation Paper which had been circulated widely among local authorities and interested organisations in the region. The list would be finalised and forwarded to DoE in May of this year for submission to the EEC by July, 1980.

DoE had advised that the implementation of the Directive should not unduly affect the Authority's capital expenditure programme and consequently at this stage the designated waters comprised those which currently met the desired standards.

Following consideration of the aims and implications of the Directive the Committee expressed concern on two points in particular:-

- (1) As the definition of water quality in its chemical and bio chemical composition by the EEC Directive had prevented the inclusion of waters of considerable area, that held large thriving fish populations, there was very little virtue in the present form of the Directive in relation to the waters of the region.
- (2) The omission of waters from the initial list where improvement programmes were in progress and where anticipated consequent improvements would enable those waters to meet the criteria of the Directive.

RECOMMENDED:

That canals within the region be surveyed with the object of designating those reaches which conform to the standards required by the Directive.

18. MARKET SURVEY AT WORTHINGTON LAKES

The Committee had before them copies of Appendix 8, extracted from a report prepared by the Department of Marketing of the University of Lancaster on the problems facing the Authority in providing and managing recreation on reservoirs.

Appendix 8 was entitled "A Survey of Visitors to the Worthington Lakes Country Park" and the full report was to be submitted to the Recreation Sub-Committee on 21st January, 1980.

Mr. Tonks referred to the questionnaire used in conducting the survey and discussed various aspects of the management of the Worthington Lakes with the Committee.

With Mr. A. G. R. Brown dissenting it was

RECOMMENDED:

That in the light of the findings of the survey, trout be re-introduced into Worthington Reservoir and that the reservoir be managed in this manner for a minimum period of three years.

(At this point the Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Committee to Mr. Tonks for his attendance and Mr. Tonks retired from the meeting).

19. DISPOSAL OF REDUNDANT RESERVOIRS

The Committee noted that the Authority had approved the Committee's request to be informed of cases arising within the area of the Committee, involving the disposal of redundant Authority owned reservoirs.

20. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON
FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee.

The migratory fish runs appeared to have been the best for many years and it was anticipated that the final rod and line catch of salmon on the Ribble system would be in the region of 1,000/1,200 fish.

Other matters discussed included the fish counting installations and hatchery work; the Area fisheries Officer reporting also on stocking by angling associations and the poaching situation.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SOUTH LANCASHIRE
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13TH DECEMBER 1979

Present: R. D. Houghton, Esq. (Chairman)
T. A. F. Barnes, Esq. Professor W. E. Kershaw
Dr. R. B. Broughton J. P. Lord, Esq.
R. H. Wiseman, Esq.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. A. G. R. Brown, Mr. J. Clegg, Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. G. Mann and Mr. A. Richardson.

11. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the last sentence of the first paragraph of Minute No. 8 being amended to read - "His only present concern was that the public at large did not appear to be aware that reports on this subject were in existence and available" - the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 17th October, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

12. STOCKS RESERVOIR

The Committee considered in detail a report on the development of Stocks Reservoir primarily as a trout fishery on which the Recreation Sub Committee had requested the observations of this Committee before making any recommendation (Minute No. 5, 29th October, 1979).

The operational aspects of the Scheme along with its effects on the environment and the financial implications to the Authority were given particular consideration.

The estimated capital costs of the Scheme totalled £117,600, of which £87,830 was attributable to creating the trout fishery and £29,770 to providing public access and the accompanying amenities.

The consequent estimated total annual net expenditure on the site was £30,900 comprising expenditure of £45,000 on the fishery with an estimated income of £29,100 from the sale of permits and the hiring of boats, whilst a further £14,800 would be expended annually on supervising and servicing the public amenity aspect.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the Authority pursue as a matter of urgency the development of Stocks Reservoir primarily as a trout fishery, the Committee being of the opinion that with the incorporation of the recommended modifications listed at (4) below, there will be a greater demand on the fishery than indicated in the prepared financial estimates.

(2) That the Authority establish and manage the fishery and only if financial pressures prove it necessary should the creation and management of the fishery be vested in any third party.

(3) That should it transpire that the unavailability of finance, the interests of the Nature Conservancy Council, the requirements of the public and the management problems associated with the fishery, prevent the reservoir from being developed primarily as a high class trout fishery to its full potential, then the Authority consider alternative locations for the establishment of a first class trout fishery, and a restricted scheme limited to bank angling only be not pursued. In the opinion of the Committee any "watering down" of the scheme due either to finance problems or to restrictive requirements by other interests would reduce the potential of the fishery beyond the point where its development would be successful.

(4) That the following provisions be incorporated in the management and operation of the proposed fishery.

(a) Bank and boat angling be permitted on the reservoir with the following exceptions:-

(1) No bank or boat angling within 100 yards of the dam wall; the limit to be marked by a string of buoys moored across the southern arm of the reservoir. In the opinion of the Committee to exclude the whole of the southern arm as previously suggested would reduce the area of fishable water over and above the unavoidable reduction due to drawdown, and might affect the viability of the fishery as a whole.

(2) No bank or boat angling in the north east arm of the reservoir.

(3) No bank angling from the shoreline of the land designated as a picnic area.

(b) Fly fishing only permitted and a daily bag limit of 2½ brace be enforced.

(c) There be no limit initially on the number of day permits issued; this situation to be reviewed in the light of experience.

(d) Consideration be given to the issue of Season Tickets.

(e) That the Causeway and the Island be prohibited to the public and anglers.

(f) That ten 12' rowing boats be available for hire to accommodate not more than 2 anglers in any one boat.

Each boat to be equipped with chain fixed pin rowlocks, flares and lifejackets.

(g) That no engine powered boats, other than that used by the Warden, be allowed on the reservoir.

(h) That the public be allowed admission to the designated picnic area only.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LUNE, WYRE AND FURNESS
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Item No. 3 D

10TH JANUARY, 1980

Present: W. Bailey, Esq. R. Harper, Esq.
R. Barratt, Esq. A.L. Harris, Esq.
J.H. Fell, Esq. G.A. Martin, Esq.
H.B. Whittam, Esq.

18. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

RESOLVED:

That in the absence of Mr.J.M.Croft, Mr.J.H.Fell be appointed
Chairman of the Advisory Committee for this meeting.

(J. H. FELL, ESQ., CHAIRMAN)

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.T.A.F.
Barnes, Mr. R.A. Challenor, Major N.J.Clarkson Webb, Dr.J.V.Dyer,
Mr.G.Mann and Mr.A.Richardson.

20. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee held
on 13th December, 1979, be approved as a correct record and
signed by the Chairman.

21. SURVEY OF GOOSANDERS AND MERGANSERS

The Committee gave consideration to a report on a draft Project
Plan prepared by Dr.Peter Maitland of the Institute of Terrestrial
Ecology, outlining alternative costings for a three year project to
establish the populations of goosanders and mergansers throughout the
region, and their impact on juvenile salmonids. The costings varied
from a minimum of £37,500 to a maximum of £66,000.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That Dr.Maitland be formally thanked for his assistance,
but that no action be taken at the present time to implement the
project.

(2) That the Regional Fisheries Officer enquire of the
Freshwater Biological Association whether they would be able and
prepared to conduct a count of the goosander and merganser
populations within the region, during the summer months of
1980.

22. NET AND FIXED ENGINE LICENCE DUTIES

On 12th November, 1979, (Minute No.22) the Regional Committee resolved that the existing net and fixed engine licence duties within the Authority area be reviewed and a report be submitted to their next meeting in February of this year; the report to include appropriate comparisons with duties for similar instruments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The Regional Fisheries Officer reported the results of his continuing enquiries concerning comparable duties throughout the British Isles following which, the Committee discussed various aspects of the review and reference was made to the restrictions to be imposed on the fishing times for netsmen in the River Lune estuary in the proposed byelaws now submitted for consideration by MAFF.

RESOLVED:

That a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee incorporating the final list of comparable duties and the effect of inflation since the introduction of the existing duties on 1st January, 1978.

23. EEC DIRECTIVE ON THE QUALITY OF FRESH WATERS
NEEDING PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT FISH LIFE

The EEC had adopted several Directives setting water quality objectives for a variety of purposes in the marine and freshwater environment. The aim of this Directive was to protect or improve the quality of those running or standing freshwaters which supported or which, if pollution were reduced or eliminated, would become capable of supporting freshwater fish. In this connection parameters to be applied to freshwaters were specified, and imperative (mandatory) and guideline values were given.

In accordance with the requirements of the Directive the Authority had now drawn up an initial list of designated waters classified as salmonid or cyprinid and incorporated the list in a Consultation Paper which had been circulated widely among local authorities and interested organisations in the region. The list would be finalised and forwarded to DoE in May for submission to the EEC by July, 1980.

DoE had advised that the implementation of the Directive should not unduly affect the Authority's capital expenditure programme and consequently at this stage the designated waters comprised those which currently met the desired standards.

In receiving the report the Committee requested that officers examine the practicality of designating Newlands Beck above the A590 bridge.

24. TRIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANOEING ON THE RIVER LUNE
AT HALTON, 1979.

A report was submitted on the satisfactory working of the arrangements for canoeing on the River Lune at Halton during the salmon season of 1979.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be received and approved and no objection be raised to similar appropriate arrangements for 1980 being finalised with riparian owners, the British Canoe Union and other interested organisations.
- (2) That a report be submitted to the next meeting on the navigation rights of powered boats and canoes in tidal waters.

25. TERMINATED ANGLING LEASES, CATEGORY 3 SITES -
REPORT ON PROGRESS

The Committee was informed of consultations which had been pursued with local authorities concerning Harlock, Poaka Beck and Pennington reservoirs and the River Kent (Kendal) water.

It was considered that subject to any comments of the Committee, Harlock reservoir should be retained as a category 3 water pending further investigations into long term plans, whilst both Poaka Beck and Pennington reservoirs should be re-classified as Category 2 with the consequent continuation of the renewal of fishing leases on an annual basis.

The fishing lease on the River Kent (Kendal) water was subject to annual renewal and at the present time the site was under discussion in connection with the management of the recently constructed gravel traps at Mintsfeet.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals be approved.

26. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee which included river conditions and fishing, fish monitoring, hatchery work and the satisfactory progress of the cage rearing of salmon smolts for the River Leven.

The Committee noted that the net catch figures for 1979 were very low for all rivers and discussion ensued on the unusually high proportion of late run fish in the River Lune exhibiting evidence of recent drift or gill net marks.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received and approved.

27. NETTING PRACTICE ON THE RIVER LUNE ESTUARY

The Committee discussed the present situation on the River Lune, whereby Netsmen can hold two licences to fish for salmon and migratory trout and that where endorsees are permitted on the licence the endorsees can operate the net in the absence of the licence holder, this arrangement being permitted by the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975.

RECOMMENDED:

That in any future amendment of the Fishery Byelaws consideration be given to the inclusion of the following provision. "That in the cases of fishermen holding two licences to net for salmon and migratory trout on the River Lune estuary, only one of those nets be fished at any one time".

28. PEDDER POTTS RESERVOIR

RESOLVED:

That a report be submitted to the next meeting on the progress of proposals for angling at Pedder Potts reservoir.

29. STOCKING - RIVER CRAKE

Reference was made to the recommendation of this Committee (No.5 24th October, 1978):-

"That for a period of five years no fish from the Rivers Leven and Crake and their tributaries be stripped, no stock from elsewhere be introduced to those rivers, other than the 10,000 freeze branded smolts each year to the River Leven, always providing that this proved feasible in the light of possible emergencies".

RECOMMENDED:

That should fishery owners and Association Members provide the necessary finance, the Authority be prepared to give assistance to the introduction of salmon and/or sea trout smolts to the River Crake.

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LUNE, WYRE AND FURNESS
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13TH DECEMBER 1979

Present:

J. M. Croft, Esq. (Chairman)
W. Bailey, Esq. J. H. Fell, Esq.
R. Barratt, Esq. A. L. Harris, Esq.
R. A. Challenor, Esq. H. B. Whittam, Esq.
G. Wilson, Esq.

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Major N. J. Clarkson Webb, Dr. J. V. Dyer, Mr. R. Harper, Mr. G. Mann and Mr. A. Richardson.

13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11th October, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. GOOSANDERS AND MERGANSERS

On 11th October, 1979, (Minute No. 8) it was reported that enquiries were being pursued with the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology and Edinburgh University, with the aim of mounting an investigation in collaboration with the Nature Conservancy Council over a three year period into the populations of goosanders and mergansers and their impact on juvenile salmonids, on waters throughout the region.

The reactions of these two bodies was still awaited and Members expressed concern that shortly mergansers would be pairing and establishing their territories; an ideal time for the investigation to commence.

RESOLVED:

That enquiries with the Institute and the University be further pursued by the Regional Fisheries Officer as a matter of urgency.

15. NET LIMITATION ORDER, RIVERS LUNE AND WYRE

The Committee noted that the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food had informed the Authority that he was prepared to confirm the Order in the form proposed by the Authority, and the formal procedure was now in hand.

16. FISHERY BYELAW PROPOSALS, RIVER LUNE

Following the Public Inquiry in July 1979, the Inspector, in his report to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, made a number of recommendations varying the Authority's proposals (a copy of which is attached as an appendix to these minutes) and the Minister was now seeking approval to the following amendments, subject to which the byelaws would be confirmed:-

Byelaw 1 Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line)
in the River Lune

It is suggested that the proposed byelaw should apply to the length of the river above Broadrairie Weir. Below that point it is suggested that the annual close season should be the period from and including 1st November to and including 30th April.

Byelaw 2 Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line) in the Estuary of the River Lune

It is suggested that the main body of the byelaw should be confirmed but that the extension on one day in each month should be limited to April and May.

It is also proposed that the close time on the specified dates should start at 7 a.m. instead of 6 a.m. on Friday.

Period of Operation

As it was proposed to introduce the byelaw restrictions for three fishing seasons it is proposed that "1st April, 1981" should be amended to "1st April, 1983" where it occurs in the byelaws and that the appropriate dates for the extension of the weekly close time in 1981 and 1982 should be incorporated in byelaw 2.

The Committee noted and discussed the reasoning prompting the Minister's suggestions, which were framed particularly to protect and improve the early runs of salmon.

The Committee agreed in principle with the aims in the proposals suggested by the Minister but commented specifically:-

- (1) That should the Authority approve the amendments, the Lune and Wyre Fisheries Association would experience difficulty in conveying the Minister's intentions to their members and in convincing them of their desirability prior to the amended byelaws being confirmed.
- (2) The majority of riparian owners on the river applied quite stringent rules to angling on their waters and in this sense conditions and restraints beyond the extent of the provisions of the byelaws were currently observed.
- (3) The Authority needed to respond reasonably to the proposed amendments in order that the Minister would not be placed in a position where he considered that he could not confirm the "package" of proposals.

In arriving at the conclusions which resulted in the following recommendations formulated below, the Committee had in mind:-

- (1) It did not appear logical to use Broadrairie Weir as the point of demarcation for an extension of 16 days at the start of the Annual Close Season for Rods since first class spawning tributaries entered the River Lune downstream of the weir. However, it was considered that such an extension applicable to the whole river system would be of great benefit.
- (2) The extension of the Annual Close Season for rods for 3 months in Spring was felt to be unnecessarily prohibitive, particularly bearing in mind that the nets would operate on the estuary with effect from 1st April.
- (3) The possibility of a considerable loss of income from licence duties to the Authority, as anglers, if unable to fish until 1st May could well decide to wait until 1st June and take out a Part Season Licence only.
- (4) It appeared unfortunate that the Minister was suggesting that the extension of the Weekly Close Time for nets on one day in each month should be limited to April and May, when this concession had been negotiated and agreed with the Netsmen, additionally the Committee considered that the run of grilse would improve as a result of such an extension.

RECOMMENDED:

(1) That the Minister be assured of the Authority's support for the aims of the byelaw proposals and the unanimous desire of the Committee to see the byelaws operating in 1980.

(2) That this Committee having considered the proposed amendments concerning Byelaws 1 and 2 and in the interest of conservation of the salmon stocks of the River Lune as a whole, strongly recommends that in order to achieve the results aimed for by the Minister, the byelaws be confirmed in the following form:-

1. Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line) in the River Lune and all rivers, lakes and waters, tributary to or connected with the River Lune.

Until the 1st day of April, 1983 the Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line) shall be the period from and including the 16th day of October to and including the 31st day of March following.

2. Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line) in the Estuary of the River Lune

Until the 1st day of April 1983 the Weekly Close Time for fishing for salmon and trout (other than with

Rod and Line) in the Estuary of the River Lune shall be the period between the hour of nine on Friday evening and the hour of six on the following Monday morning except that on the following dates the said Weekly Close Time shall be the period between the hour of seven on Friday morning and the hour of six on the following Monday morning.

1980

1981

1982

18th-21st April
16th-19th May
13th-16th June
11th-14th July
29th-31st August*

* The Annual Close Season commencing at Midnight on the night of 31st August/1st September.

(3) That future consideration be given to the introduction of a "fly only" rule throughout the River Lune system.

17. AUSTWICK IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

Members noted that the Area Fisheries Officer had been consulted on each stage of the design and plans for the Improvement Scheme at Austwick which was included in the Land Drainage Medium Term Plan for a start to be made in 1982 with completion in 1985.

NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYSALMON AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES ACT 1975FISHERY BYELAWS

THE NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY in exercise of their powers under Section 28(6) of and Schedule 3 to the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 and all other powers enabling them in that behalf hereby make the following Byelaws:-

1. Annual Close Season for Salmon (Rod and Line) in the River Lune

Until the 1st day of April 1981 the annual close season for salmon (rod and line) shall be the period from and including the 16th day of October to and including the 31st day of January following

2. Weekly Close Time for Salmon and Trout (Other than Rod and Line)

in the Estuary of the River Lune

Until the 1st day of April 1981 the weekly close time for fishing for salmon and trout (other than with rod and line) in the Estuary of the River Lune shall be the period between the hour of nine on Friday evening and the hour of six on the following Monday morning except that on the following dates the said weekly close time shall be the period between the hour of six on Friday morning and the hour of six on the following Monday morning

1979

27th - 30th April
25th - 28th May
15th - 18th June
13th - 16th July
10th - 13th August

1980

18th - 21st April
16th - 19th May
13th - 16th June
11th - 14th July
29th August - 1st September

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3.

These Byelaws shall not apply to any employee of the Authority acting in his official capacity or to any person who with the permission in writing of the Authority and acting in accordance with any conditions attached to that permission carries out work connected with the preservation or development of a fishery or for some scientific purpose

4.

Until the 1st day of April 1981 Byelaws 2 and 6 of the Byelaws made by the Authority and confirmed by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the 18th day of May 1977 shall cease to have effect in relation to the River Lune and its Estuary

5.

- (1) In these Byelaws, unless the context otherwise requires "Authority" means the North West Water Authority
- (2) The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of these Byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if these Byelaws were an Act of Parliament

I N W I T N E S S whereof the Common
Seal of North West Water Authority was
hereunto affixed on the
day of 1978 in the
presence of:-

Authorized Signatory

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MERSEY AND WEAVER
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

16TH JANUARY, 1980

Present: J. S. Bailey Esq. (Chairman)
D. Bridgewood Esq. P. Neal Esq.
F. Egerton Esq. Dr. M. Pugh Thomas
J. A. Shanahan Esq.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting was received from Mr. T.A.F. Barnes, Mr. A. Jones, Dr. A.G. Kennedy Young, Mr. G. Mann, Mr. R. Newton and Mr. A. Richardson.

12. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO MEMBER

The Chairman introduced Mr. P. Neal and welcomed him to his first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

13. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14. BAILIFFING STAFF, MERSEY AND WEAVER AREA

Reference was made to the Committee's recommendation of 20th June, 1979, concerning an increase in the bailiffing staff for the Mersey and Weaver area. The recommendation had been accepted by the Regional Committee on 12th July, 1979, and subsequently the Finance and Personnel Sub-Committee had deferred consideration of the matter until their Budget meeting on 4th February, 1980.

In considering the matter further the Committee noted the severe cash limits restriction under which the Authority was operating at the present time.

RECOMMENDED:

That should it not prove possible to increase the bailiffing establishment for the Mersey and Weaver area, investigations be made into the possibility of relocating existing bailiffing staff with the object of improving bailiffing coverage in this area.

15. COMMONBANK LAKE, NR. CHORLEY

It was agreed that a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the condition of Commonbank Lake.

16. FISHERIES ADMINISTRATION

The Committee requested that they be kept informed of any proposals for modification of the structure of the existing Fisheries Advisory Committees.

17. EEC DIRECTIVE ON THE QUALITY OF FRESHWATERS NEEDING PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT FISH LIFE

The EEC had adopted several Directives setting water quality objectives for a variety of purposes in the marine and freshwater environment. The aim of this Directive was to protect or improve the quality of those running or standing freshwaters which supported or which, if pollution were reduced or eliminated, would become capable of supporting freshwater fish. In this connection parameters to be applied to freshwaters were specified, and imperative (mandatory) and guideline values were given.

In accordance with the requirements of the Directive the Authority had now drawn up an initial list of designated waters classified as salmonid or cyprinid and incorporated the list in a Consultation Paper which had been circulated widely among local authorities and interested organisations in the region. The list would be finalised and forwarded to DOE in May for submission to the EEC by July, 1980.

DOE had advised that the implementation of the Directive should not unduly affect the Authority's capital expenditure programme and consequently at this stage the designated waters comprised those which currently met the desired standards.

It was noted that it was the intention to survey the canals throughout the region with the object of designating those reaches which conformed to the requirements of the Directive.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Authority aim to designate all recognised fisheries within the region as and when finance becomes available.

18. DISPOSAL OF REDUNDANT RESERVOIRS

The Committee noted that the Authority had approved the Committee's request to be informed of cases arising within the area of the Committee, involving the disposal of redundant Authority owned reservoirs.

19. TERMINATED ANGLING LEASES - CATEGORY 3 SITES - REPORT ON PROGRESS

The Committee was informed that following consultations with the Peak District National Park and Macclesfield District Council, and subject to any comments of the Committee, the Recreation Sub-Committee was to be recommended to reclassify Lamaload Reservoir as Category 1 and to re-let the angling rights to the Prince Albert Angling Society, the present lessees, for a period of 7 years.

Any new lease was to include (inter-alia) provision for an annual report to the Authority by the Society on management policies and public usage of the reservoir, and the quality of the fishing.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals be approved.

20. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee, which included river conditions and fishing; hatchery work at Holingworth and in the pilot hatchery at Great Sankey; fish stocking, and advisory work on fisheries management.

Members discussed in some detail a pollution incident which had affected the River Weaver and officers reported on the measures taken to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence.

The Committee expressed appreciation of the netting operations carried out by the Authority's fisheries staff.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE4TH FEBRUARY 1980APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE

1. On 17th December, 1979, the Authority resolved that Major J. G. W. Skipwith be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Water Management and Regional Fisheries Advisory Committees consequent upon the expiration of Mrs. D. Wilson's term of office as a Member of the Authority on 31st December, 1979.
2. Major Skipwith, who resides at Biggins Grange, Kirkby Lonsdale, was appointed to the Authority by DOE with effect from 1st January, 1980, his period of office expiring on 31st May, 1982.

REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE4TH FEBRUARY, 1980NET AND FIXED ENGINE LICENCE DUTIES

1. In reviewing Net Licence Duties, the aim is to achieve an increase in revenue of approximately 50%, in line with the increase which, it is anticipated, will be produced by the new rod licence duties which came into force on 1st January, 1980.
2. At the meeting of the Committee on 12th November, 1979 (Minute No. 22), it was suggested that comparative figures for salmon net licence duties should be obtained from Scotland and from Ireland. Scotland, where there are no "public fisheries", has no system of licensing salmon fishing either by net or by rod, the requirement being a permit from the proprietor of the fishery, for which a charge would normally be made. This, however, is in no sense a "licence" as would be applicable in England, and represents what a rod fisherman in England would pay for a rod on a fishing beat. Information has been obtained from Eire and Northern Ireland on the scale of licence duties which is applicable in those countries.
3. Duties in Eire for nets comparable with those used in the North-West are considerably less than those duties applied by the Authority. The Northern Ireland duties are in some instances more closely related to those levied by the Authority.
4. Information was also sought from the seven other water authorities, where salmon occur, on the current rates of net licence duty. However, when this paper was prepared on 21st January, 1980 only four replies had been received. All the above information is summarised in the appendix attached to this paper, which also shows present rates of duty in this Authority's area and revenue derived therefrom, together with suggested new rates and anticipated revenue.
5. The Irish figures, overall, are, however, of no great help in deciding whether the Authority's present duties are pitched in the right general range, since information on the relative abundance of migratory fish, and on catches made and their market value, is lacking.
6. The net most commonly operated in the North-West is the heave, or haaf net, of which 46 were licensed on the Lune in 1978 and 177 on the Solway. (1978 is the latest year for which complete figures are available). On the Lune the duty is £39, while on the Solway it is only £16.90 (or 43% of the duty for the Lune). A new Net Limitation Order on the Lune now limits the number of these nets to 26. There is no limit on the Solway. Catch returns have, for a number of years, been obtained from all the Lune netsmen; in the case of the Solway netsmen, this level of return was not achieved until 1978, but it is hoped that it will now be maintained.

7. The relationship between average catch per net on the Lune and on the Solway respectively in 1978, on the basis of returned catches, was 4.1/1 in the case of salmon and 0.7/1 in the case of sea trout. Netsmen on the Lune fish for a livelihood while those on the Solway (with the exception of about half-a-dozen) are said to fish primarily as a recreation. To some extent, this situation has for long been reflected in the relative level of licence duties levied for a haaf net licence on the two fisheries. Despite that, there can be little argument that a licence duty of £16.90 which enables a man to fish for salmon in a tidal estuary where the quality of the fish taken is likely to be better than if they are taken up-river is unrealistic. A substantial increase thus appears justifiable in this particular case.
8. For the remainder of the instruments, an increase in the region of 50% aimed at achieving an overall increase in revenue comparable with that expected to be derived from the new rod licence duties, appears reasonable.

APPENDIX

Net	No. & Location	Present duty £	Revenue rec'd £	Suggested new duty £	Anticipated revenue £	Eire duty £	Foyle Fish conservatory duty £	N.Ireland Fish Conservatory duty £	North-umbrian W.A. £	Southern W.A. £	Welsh W.A. £	Severn-Trent £
Drift	4 (Cumbria coast) (NLO)	78	312	125	500				119 (N. area)	60 to 195.50 (by area)		
	10 (Lune) * (NLO)	104	1040	150	1600	50	55 (sea to 66 (else where))	52 (tidal area)	55 (S. area)			
	6 (Ribble) (NLO)	52	312	80	480				Both incl. T-net (Fixed end)			
Draft	2 (Eden)	195	390	300	600		72 (tidal waters)	28 (Lough Neagh)		3 nets £1 each	34 50 to 84 (by area)	67
	3 (Duddon)	71.50	214.50	110	330	30	55 (other)	70 (fixed tidal)				
	1 (Lune)	91	91	140	140		85 (fixed Draft net)	420 (estuary) 52 (tidal)				
Haaf	26 (Lune) * (NLO)	39	1014	60	1560	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	175 (Solway)	16.90	2957	30	5250							
Lave	6 (Leven) (NLO)	32.50	195	50	300						6	25 (4 season 12.50)
	8 (Kent) (NLO)	39	312	60	480	-						
Fixed engines	1 (Eden coops)	117	117	175	175	20 (box or crib)		209 (box or crib)			1.65 (putts) to 45 (basets) to 90 (fishing weir)	2.25 (putts) 17.50 per 50 (pitchers) 41 (stop net)
	1 (Derwent coops)	260	260	390	390		-		-	-		
	1 (Ravenglass garth)	130	130	195	195							
			7344.50		12,000							

* These are the reduced numbers of nets permitted under the 1979 new Net Limitation Order

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY
REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

4TH FEBRUARY 1980

EEC DIRECTIVE ON THE QUALITY OF FRESHWATERS
NEEDING PROTECTION OR IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER
TO SUPPORT FISH LIFE

1. Each member of the Committee has been provided with a copy of the "Consultation Paper on the Initial List of Designated Waters", along with a copy of an explanatory letter both of which have been circulated also to local authorities and other interested organisations in the region.
2. Initial lists of waters to be designated are required to be submitted to the EEC by July 1980, and authorities and organisations have been asked to forward comments on the Paper to the Authority by the end of February, 1980.
3. Members are requested to bring their copies of the Paper to the meeting when the proposals and progress on consultations will be discussed and any observations thereon will be welcomed.
4. The following recommendations were made by the Local Committee's at their recent meetings following their consideration of the paper:-

Derwent and West Cumbria (Minute No. 17)

"That the River Keekle be added to the list of designated freshwaters and the possibility of including Lostrigg Beck in the list be investigated".

South Lancashire (Minute No. 17)

"That canals within the region be surveyed with the object of designating those reaches which conform to the standards required by the Directive".

Mersey and Weaver (Minute No. 17)

"That the Authority aim to designate all recognised fisheries within the region as and when finance becomes available".

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE4TH FEBRUARY, 1980NET LIMITATION ORDER - RIVERS LUNE AND WYREFISHERY BYELAWS - RIVER LUNE

1. A special meeting of the Lune, Wyre and Furness Advisory Committee was held on 13th December, 1979 to consider, inter alia, amendments to the proposed byelaws which had been suggested by MAFF following the Public Inquiry in July, 1979. The Committee recommended further amendments to the byelaws which were then submitted to MAFF for informal comment. The details are fully set out in Minute 16 of that meeting. (Item No 3 of the Agenda).
2. The Local Committee's recommendations were acceptable to MAFF and following consultation with the Chairman of this Committee, the Chairman of the Authority acting under his delegated powers for matters of urgency gave formal approval to the Local Committee's recommendations on 25th January, 1980 to ensure that the byelaws would be operative on 1st April, 1980. It has been suggested to MAFF that the byelaws should come into force on 1st April, 1980 for two reasons:-
 - (a) It is intended that the byelaws should be introduced for three fishing seasons. If the byelaws operate from 1st April, 1980 they will cover the three angling close seasons of October 1980 - March 1981, October 1981 - March 1982 and October 1982 - March 1983 and the netting seasons in 1980, 1981 and 1982.
 - (b) In view of the lack of time available it would be impracticable to introduce the byelaws on 1st February 1980, the commencement of the present salmon angling season on the River Lune, since any subsequent attempt to prohibit angling during part of February and March 1980 could have led to confusion amongst anglers and difficulties for the Authority in enforcement of the byelaws.
3. Members will have noted from the Minutes of the special meeting of the Lune, Wyre and Furness Fisheries Advisory Committee on 13th December, 1979 (Minute No. 15) that the Minister had informed the Authority that he was prepared to confirm the Net Limitation Order in its original form. The Order has now been confirmed and net licences for the 1980 season will be issued in accordance with the terms of the Order.